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**Advisory Action**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 14 January 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]**

- a)  The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b)  The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

- 1.  A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
- 2.  The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
  - (a)  they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
  - (b)  they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
  - (c)  they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
  - (d)  they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see number 5.

- 3.  Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See Continuation Sheet.
- 4.  Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
- 5.  The a)  affidavit, b)  exhibit, or c)  request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
- 6.  The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
- 7.  For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a)  will not be entered or b)  will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) rejected: 19,20,22-38 and 41-43.

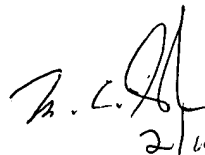
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

- 8.  The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a)  approved or b)  disapproved by the Examiner.
- 9.  Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuation of 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): upon entry, the amendments would overcome the claim objections and 112 rejections.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: although Applicant overcomes the 112 rejection regarding the recitation of the two actuating devices in the last line of claim 19, the amendment in the last two lines of claim 19 reciting that "the first leg portion of the spring assembly is supported on the first brake pad in a circumferential direction by said actuating device" does not place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. In fact, both the Ogasawara and Weiler references still read on claim 19, as amended. Ogasawara shows in figures 3 and 4 the first leg portion of the spring assembly 34 being supported on the first brake pad 51 in a circumferential direction (as particularly shown in figure 4) by or near the actuating device 70. Similarly Weiler shows in figure 1 the first leg portion of the spring assembly 12 being supported on the first brake pad as shown in figure 5 in a circumferential direction (see figure 1) by or near the actuating device 6. The amendment will not be entered because the phrase "by the actuating device" raises a new concern that requires further consideration. It is unclear to the Examiner whether Applicant intends for "by the actuating device" to mean --near the actuating device-- as currently interpreted or to mean --through the medium of or via the actuating device--.

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